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CONGRESS MAY BE DEFIED. GREAT EXCITEMENT IN SPAIN.

OLNEY SPRINGS A SENSATION. CUBAN RESOLUTIONS NOT REGARDED AS BINDING ON THE PRESIDENT.

RECOGNITION AN EXECUTIVE FUNCTION.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE INTIMATES THAT THE CAMERON JOINT RESOLUTION, EVEN IF PASSED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE, WILL

BE IGNORED BY THE PRESIDENT HOW CONGRESSMEN VIEW THE

STATEMENT - A GRAVE CONSTITUTIONAL QUES-TION RAISED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Dec. 19.-The action of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations yesterday in voting to report the Cameron resolution in spite of Secretary Olney's vehement and forcible protestations seems to have been taken by the Administration as a direct challenge of its exclusive power and competency to conduct the foreign relations of the United States; and Mr. Olney to-day, in speaking unquestionably after consultation by telegraph with the President, who is still engaged shooting ducks in South Carolina, issued a counter-challenge of contempt and fance to both Houses of Congress, which, out-Me the stormy period of Andrew Johnson's Ad-

ministration, has probably no parallel in Ameri-

can politics. Dropping his usual manner of official reserve and diplomatic reticence, the Secretary of State gave to the press this afternoon the following extraordinary interview, in which the purpose of the President to disregard any and all efforts on the part of Congress to commit the Government to a policy of intervention in Cuba and ecognition of the Cuban Republic is asserted with the utmost candor and emphasis. Even if passed and again repassed by a two-thirds majority in each House, the Cameron resolution is to be held by the President, says Secretary Olney as no more valid in law or binding in effect than a declaration by Congress of its private views on a subject wholly without its sphere of legislative jurisdiction.

SECRETARY OLNEY'S STATEMENT. Here is Mr. Olney's statement:

I have no objection to stating my own view ported, is to be laid before the Senate on Monday. Indeed, as there are likely to be serious probably be regarded only at each copinion by the eminent gentlemen who vote for it in the Senate, and if passed by the House of it in the Senate, and if passed by the House of Representatives can only be regarded as another expression of opinion by the eminent gentlement such as the constant of the c

The power to recognize the so-called Republic of Cuba as an independent State rests exclusively with the Executive. A resolution on the subect by the Senate or by the House, by both is inoperative as legislation, and is important only signing its own death warrant should it ever as advice of great weight voluntarily tendered to suggest the ending of the Spanish rule in Cuba. the Executive regarding the manner in which shall exercise his Constitutional functions,

The operation and effect of the proposed reso lution, therefore, even if passed by both houses plain. It may raise expectations in some quarters which can never be realized. It may inflame popular passions, both in this country and elsewhere, may thus put in peril the lives and property of American citizens who are resident and travelling abroad, and will certainly obstruct and perhaps defeat the best efforts of this tion. But except in these ways, and unless the popular clamor, were it in session, to take so advice embodied in the resolution shall lead the Executive to revise conclusions already reached and officially declared, the resolution will be without effect, and will leave unaltered the attitude of this Government toward the two contending parties in Cuba."

THE ISSUE SHARPLY PRESENTED.

No more direct and pointed issue could be raised with Congress as to its right to commit the Government to any given course of diplomatic policy; nor could the denial to the legislative branch of even the smallest participation in the management of the country's foreign relations well be blunter or more offensive. That the limit to Congressional jurisdiction and authority so summarily set by Secretary Olney will be accepted by Congress itself without serious opposition seems hardly likely. Yet Congress has in recent years submitted to so many pointed and contemptuous snubs from Mr. Cleveland, and shown so few signs of either the capacity or the spirit to avenge repeated affronts put upon it by the Chief Executive, that it may not even-now be able to screw its courage to the sticking point long enough to test the validity of the principle laid down by Secretary Olney that Congressional opinion on any matter of foreign policy, even if embodied in the form of a joint resolution, is hardly worth the parchment

it is engrossed upon. That Mr. Cleveland should promptly resent the indirect condemnation of his own Cuban policy implied in the adoption of the Cameron resolution, and hasten to express his indiffertace to the wishes or views of Congress, could not be surprising to any one who has noted the attitude of the present Chief Magistrate toward the legislative branch ever since he uttered his distoric complaint about "having Congress on his hands." In Mr. Cleveland's eyes Congress has never been anything but a body of intractable, self-seeking and hopelessly unpatriotic politicians, whose sole design was to frustrate the beneficent plans of a virtuous and

enlightened Executive. OPEN BREAK WITH CONGRESS.

Congress has had neither his confidence nor his regard. His foreign policy has been a secret and furtive one, from the Hawaiian episode down; and from the earliest stages of the de velopment of his tariff and financial programme e has falled to seek or to find any but a perfunctory and half-hearted support from his own party in either house. That in the end he should break entirely with the legislative department. and announce that its declarations of foreign olley would be brushed aside as of absolutely no official weight or value, whatever form they might take or whatever majorities they have behind them, shows that only the occasion was needed to push the assertion of his unconcealed contempt for an obstructive and unmanageable Legislature to an extreme hitherto unknown in the history of the relations of these two ostensibly equal and co-ordinate powers in the Federal scheme of government.

It is hard to tell what effect Secretary Olney's sardonic warning to Congress that its efforts to direct and control the diplomatic policy of the Government will be curtly ignored by the President will have upon the fortunes of the so-called Cameron resolution. That the Senate is can be reached, is unquestioned. But the oppo-altion in the deliberative branch to Congressional recognition of the Cuban Republic will be great-

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THE ACTION OF THE SENATE COM-MITTEE INFLAMES THE POPULACE.

POPULAR PEELING IN FAVOR OF DEFYING THE UNITED STATES-THE GOVERNMENT, HOW-EVER, TRUSTS IN THE GOOD OF

> FICES OF PRESIDENT CLEVE-LAND AND SECRE-

TARY OLNEY

Madrid, Dec. 19.-The excitement in this city and elsewhere in Spain caused by the receipt of the news of the action of the Foreign Relations Committee of the American Senate in deciding to report in favor of the independence of Cuba was intense. A wave of popular indignation has swept over the whole country and the bitter feeling against the United States has been greatly intensified. There is no denying the fact | ANNEX TO THE MYAN HOTEL, IN ENED THE LOSS | that popular feeling is in favor of boidly defying the United States, and informing the American Government that Cuba will be retained by

In the cafés and every public place the situation is excitedly discussed, and everywhere the determination is expressed to uphold the Government to the last extremity in maintaining its rights. Dispatches from other cities show the populace, and it is the consensus of opinion that it would take very little to so inflame the people as to provoke much trouble for the Government should it show any sign of weakening before the unwarranted pretensions of the United States.

The Government itself, while deprecating the action of the committee, maintains a dignified attitude, and though some uncasiness was at first expressed, this has been allayed by the receipt of dispatches containing Secretary Olney's statement to the effect that no matter what action the Congress may take on the Cameron resolution the recognition of the independence of Cuba rests entirely with the American Executive. The attitude of President Cleveland and Mr. Olney has heretofore met with the high approval of the Government, and the opinion is freely expressed in Government circles that there is scarcely a probability that there will be any

change in their attitude on the Cuban question. It is said on good authority that Spain has informed the American Government that it is willing to go far in order to meet the views of the of the resolution respecting the independence of | United States regarding administrative reforms the so-called Republic of Cuba, which, it is re- in the Spanish West Indies. It will, it is said, concede at an early date autonomy to Porto Rico on the lines laid down in the bill adopted by the misapprehensions regarding such resolution, both | Cortes last year. When the situation in Cuba in this country and abroad, and as such appre- | warrants such action, reforms will be begun there sions may have injurious results of a grave | that will prove satisfactory to all concerned, character, it is perhaps my duty to point out | These will include administrative autonomy, that the resolution of passed by the Senate can such measure of political and economical autonprobably be regarded only as an expression of omy as will be compatible with the interests of plnion by the eminent gentlemen who vote for the Crown, and a change in the tariff laws that

ment consider any question involving the abandonment of the island, and it can be emphatically said that it would not dare to do so. The temper of the people is fairly aroused, and any odies or by one, whether concurrent or joint, Government, Conservative or Liberal, would be

> Efforts have been made to obtain authoritative statements from some of the Ministers as to the situation, but they decline at present to express any views on the subject. It can be said, fields, Choctaw schools and relinquishment of tribal however, that in Governmental circles no idea | government within eight years of war growing out of the Cuban resolution is entertained, and it is believed that the professions of friendship made by President Cleveland and Mr. Olney through Hannis Taylor, the American Minister here, are thoroughly sincere.

An important factor in the situation is the Cortes, which at present is not in session. It is | inter-Government to afford such citizens due protec- | thought that that body might be compelled by action that would result in the overthrow of the Government, but as it does not meet for several months all danger from that source is eliminated. Even should the Government resign and be succeeded by a Liberal Cabinet, there could be no change in the Spanish attitude toward Cuba, for upon the least sign of its giving way to the dictation of the United States, the populace and the army would upset it.

Señor Canovas del Castillo, the Prime Minister, has always believed that the Cuban matter would not cause war with the United States, and he also believes that the ranting of American and Spanish jingoes will fall on deaf ears when the common-sense of the people of both countries has had time to reassert itself. But he will maintain all the prerogatives of sovereignty in Cuba, and will not yield to threats, no matter whence their source.

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Every precaution has been taken to guard against any outbreak by the people, and it is hoped that the excitment and indignation that have been aroused will subside without it being necessary to call upon the military to suppress disorders. The students at the universities, who are a fruitful source of disturbance, are being closely watched, and any attempt at a demonstration on their part will be severely put down. All the newspapers here express the most intense indignation. Some of them declare that no Government would dare to base a settlement of the Cuban question on granting autonomy to the island, in view of the strong popular opposition to the granting of any reforms while the rebeillon is in progress. They takenfore contend that the Government will be compelled to maintain a determined attitude in face of the provocation from the United States. Nevertheless, they add, the Government is resolved to repress hostile agitation against the United States or its representatives in Spain.

The "Imparcial" accuses the Government of lack of foresight, and declares that Spain is determined to make every sacrifice, however great, to maintain her sovereignty in the West Indies, but she will not tolerate acts calculated to bring her into disrepute.

The "Correspondencia de España" describes the committee's action as untimely and insolent.

The "Liberal" advises the Government to use Every precaution has been taken to

the Correspondencia de España" describes the committee's action as untimely and insolent. The "Liberal" advises the Government to use expedition in recovering at Washington the time lest in Cuba, inasmuch as Spain's future is at stake.

Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo had a Prime Minister Canovas del Castilio had a long conference to-day with the Duke of Tetuan, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Admiral Berarger, Minister of Marine. The subject of their deliberations has not been divulged officially, but it is rumored that they considered the question of shortly introducing political and administrative reforms in Cuba and Porto Rico. To grant such reforms at present would probably result in a reconstruction of the Cabinet.

A CONFESSED MURDERER RELEASED. Harrisburg, Penn., Dec. 19. - George Erb, the selfonfessed murderer of Edward Nutter, of Fort Smith, Ark., was released from jail to-day and removed to the Keeley Institute for treatment by his friends. It is believed that drink has been his principal trouble, and that the alleged poisoning of Nutter was a bit of imagination on his part.

FOUR PERSONS KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION. Providence, Dec. 19 .- A boiler exploded in the Kent woollen mill at Centreville about 8 o'clock this morning, and as a result four persons were killed, three outright and one dying soon afterward from three outright and one dying soon afterward from his injuries. Few particulars can be gained as it the cause of the explosion, as the fireman was killed with others who were employed in the boller-room. The fireman's wife had just gone to the mill with her husband's breakfast when the explosion occurred, and she was killed outright. The boller-room was about thirty feet square, and it was tern to places. One of the boilers was blown into the main part of the mill in the second story.

CHRISTMAS HERE IN 5 DAYS. What better for a present than Waterman's Idea Fountain Pen? Dealers, or Waterman's, 157 B'way. (Adv. ELIZABETHPORT'S GREATEST FIRE.

A SANTA CLAUS EXHIBITION THAT ENDED IN A SERIOUS CONFLAGRATION.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 19 (Special).-The greatest of McManus Brothers' furniture store, in First-st. The firm had an exhibition of Santa Claus in the window, and some cotton caught fire. The fire spread so quickly that the employes of the store had to run to save their lives. the four-story building was in flames, and the fire

the principal one in the city. In the building on the other side were Mrs. Maurel's bakery and the tion, and took off the captain and crew of twenty, The loss will be about \$150,000, two-thirds of which is covered by insurance.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN ST. PAUL.

WILL REACH \$150,000.

Hotel, being that portion of the hotel at Seventh and Robert ste, burned this morning, together with the Schutte Block, adjoining, the fire breaking out at 2:20 o'clock from a cause at present unother sufferers are as follows: The Cadoca Fur-niture Company, No. 14 Seventh-st., loss 5.00: Oliver Olsen was hurled along the deck a Wayside Inn Restaurant, No. 142 Seventh-st., loss \$1,000; Twin City Cycle Company, No. 140 Seventh-

was under control at 9 o'clork. The Ryan an-was built at a cost of \$100.00. The upper is have never been completed.

of the six-story Schutte Block above the nd floor is rulned. The ground floor, occupied to Northern Exchange Bank and the Smith & dson liquor house, is uninjured, except by by the Northern Exchange Bank and the Smith & Davidson liquor house, is uninjured, except by water. The building was quite well tenanted and all the tenants will have total losses. The damage to the building is heavy. The Hale Building, owned by the Hale estate, six stories high, in Jackson-st., was slightly damaged.

CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD CHARGED.

FOR \$600,000 DAMAGES.

Pittsburg, Dec. 19. -The statement in a sensational Muller and William Gilmore was filed in the County fourt to-day. The plaintiff asserts that the defendants were in a conspiracy to defraud bim, and claims \$600,000 damages.

TREATY SIGNED WITH THE CHOCTAWS.

A TERRITORY BIGGER THAN MASSACHUSETTS APPROTED BY IT.

Muskoges 1 T. Dec 19 - The Choctaw Commisat 9 o'clock last night. The treaty provides for reeks and Chickesaw tribe will treat with the

Affairs received the following telegram to-day from her beam ends. Chectaws have signed expressed to take lands in severally, for sale of town lots, settlement of seat interests, transfer of criminal jurisdiction to Ped-eral courts, all satisfactory to Commission, Will

A BOSTON TRUST COMPANY ROBBED.

ITS TREASURER MISSING, AND A DIG SHORTAGE OF PUNDS ADMITTED.

Boston, Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the directors of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company today F. C. Miles was removed from the office of treasurer and George E. Goodspeed was elected assistant treasurer. A committee of the directors is now engaged on an examination of the affairs of the company. President F. M. Stone says it is im-

ing to \$2,00,000.

The police have been looking for Miles, but have been unable to first him, and bedieve that he haleft the city. It is admitted that the amount emberzied by Miles is at least \$2,000. The American Surety Company, of New-York, is on Mr. Missis bend for \$20,000. A representative of the company had a conference with the directors of the Deposit Company to-day.

GRAVE ROBBED IN TOLEDO.

THE EODY FOUND THROUGH AN ATTEMPT TO

SEND IT AWAY BY EXPRESS. Teledo, Ohio, Dec. 19.-The body of E. E. Cartwright, superintendent of the Lucas County Infirmary, was buried in Forest Cemetery yesterday afternoon. In the night the grave was broken into and the body removed. This morning a box addressed to James E. Carroll, No. 103 Bollvar-st. Cleveland, was presented at the American Express Company's office, in the Union Station, by an un-known man The officials refused to accept it for transmission, and it was taken to the office of Dr. Hunt, in Cherry-st. There it was opened and found to contain Cartwright's body. The police are in-vestigating, and expect to make several arrests.

A BIG CONCERN'S DIRECTORS ACCUSED. Chicago, Dec 19.-A bill for a receiver to take harge of the International Building, Loan and Inestment Association was filed in the United States Circuit Court at noon to-day. The association, of which Ell Smith is president, has its office at No. 163 Randolph-st. It is declared to be hopelessly insolcent, and the charge is made that it has been wrecked by a majority of the members of the Board of Di-rectors. The bill is brought in the name of Gustav Konz, of Newark, N. J. It is charged that he assets of the association do not exceed \$30,000, while the itabilities to shareholders is \$80,000. Overloans to new test of the directory and questionable conduct in the cause of the directory and questionable conduct in the cause of the directory and questionable conduct in

A SPANISH CONSUL LOCKED UP. Chicago, D.c. B. A St. Paul, Monn., disphich says: Schor Fernando Liano, Spanish Censul for the Senor Fechania Northwest, was accessed on the street here early yes-terday morning. A pollerman questioned him as to where he was going. The Senor resented this, and was locked up. He gave ball and forfeited it when his case was called in court.

COPPER WORKS TO RESUME. .. Kansas City, Dec. 19.—The Kansas City Smelling and Refining Works Company expects to resume operations in its copper department so of after January 1. From five hundred to six hundred men will be put to work. \_\_\_\_

THE 12 O'CLOCK noon train for Boston has been discontinued. The time of the H A. M. has been quickened, due Boston 4:40 p. m. 5 hours and 4) minutes.—(Advt.

TRAGEDIES OF THE SEA.

ONE MAN DROWNED AND ANOTHER DASHED TO DEATH.

THE CAPTAIN AND REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE FREDONIA RESCUED IN A LIFEBOAT OF THE COLORADO-THE SCHOONER ABANDONED.

The Wilson Line steamer Colorado, Captain Whitten, which arrived at Quarantine at 8 The Odd Fellows' Hall was destroyed. In the o'clock last evening from Hull, England, fell in same building was Joseph Fishbough's restaurant, with the Gloucester fishing schooner Fredonia, tion, and took off the captain and crew of twenty, bringing them to this port. When seen by reporters at Quarantine, Captain Morgan said that he left Boston on December 12, with a crew of twenty-three, all told, and after touching at Lockport sailed on the 14th for the Banks to fish for cod. On December 16, in the afternoon, the wind freshened and before night was blowing a Paul, Minn., Dec. 19.-The annex to the Ryan hurricane from E. N. E., with a high sea. The schooner was hove to and rode the sea well until about 4:30 on the morning of the 17th, latitude 41 deg. 35 min., longitude 65 deg., 40 min., when The flames originated in Conheim's fur- she was boarded by a huge sea, which broke over niture store, and spread with great rapidity. For a the quarter and swept clean over the vessel, cartime the great hotel was threatened and the guests rying away hatches, boats, sails, boom and rudleft their beds and rooms as quickly as possible. der, stoving bulwarks and rail and washing a anis Ryan is the owner of the Ryan Block. The seaman, James Haley, overboard. Only his hat

Oliver Olsen was hurled along the deck and dashed against the bitts, and, as Captain Morgan described it, was "literally stove to pieces." He lived about six hours. Upon examination it was found that the schooner's "grub" beam \$3,500; Hoffman Clothing Company, Seventh had been started two inches above the deck and Robert sta, loss estimated at \$1,000, W. H.
Dennis, cigars, and James O'Brien's saloon.
On the second floor of the amex the Catholies of
St. Paul were holding a fair, for which they have
been in preparation over a year. The stock was
hadiy damaged.

All hands manned the pumps and worked and that she was leaking badly. The main fall. All hands manned the pumps and worked total loss will reach at least \$450,000. The hard all day to keep the vesser above water. About 9 p. m. the wind abated and the task About 9 p. m. the wind abated and the task became somewhat easier. But the men were well-nigh played out. At 4:30 a. m. on the 18th, a steamer hove in sight, and seeing the signals of distress bore down and lowered a lifeboat. It was only with great difficulty and considerable danger that the rescue of the twenty-one survivors was accomplished, and the lifeboat returned to the Colorado, leaving the Fredonia to her fate. The men of the crew lost all they had on board, and they were exhausted and benumbed. Captain Whitton ordered everything possible done for their com-

> overboard, was about thirty years old and came from St. John, N. B. Oliver Olsen, who was killed, was about the same age, and was a native of Sweden. Captain Morgan does not know how he and his men are to get home, as they are penniless. Captain Whitton said that he had never seen a finer body of men than the he had hever seen a hier body of hea than the shipwrecked crew, nor had he met with more gentlemanly or grateful people. They will be landed at Prentice Stores, Brooklyn, about 9 colock this morning. The Fredomia was built in Essex, Mass., in 1889. She was of 100 net

> > THRASHED BY AN ANGRY SEA.

REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE OF THE NANTUCKET SHOALS LIGHTSHIP.

Woods Hole, Mass., Dec. 19.—Captain Jorgensen, of the late storm: "The storm began about 19 o'clock n watch found it difficult to remain on deck. Th spray which drenched the decks nearly blinded them. The snow fell in such thick and blinding The barometer began to fall steadily about \$ o'clock than eighty miles an hour all day Wednesday and long into the night. The tide was running at a ten-Washington, Dec. 19 - The Commissioner of Indian | fury of the storm the ship was almost continually on

"We were all obliged to remain below, except the watch, who lasted himself to the ship. The ship was rolling and pitching in such a way that we would be had 180 fathoms of chain attached to a 7,000-pound mushroom anchor. The water was about thirty Plains, a station on the Poughkeepsie and Eastern fathoms deep. The weight of the chain cable would Choctaw Reservation contains 6,03,000 acres of pull the high bow of the beat into the mountainous is even more sensational than the Lamoree robbery,

BLACK WRITING HIS MESSAGE.

IT WILL BE REMARKABLE FOR ITS BREVITY-

THE INAUGURATION PROGRAMME, Albany, Dec. 19.-Governor-elect Black is busy in Troy writing his message, which will be Griffith, has secured from the heads of the State Departments data for his use in writing his mes-

Black as Governor at noon on January I will be simple. The Troy separate companies and the 10th clect from the Executive Mansion to the Capitol. and his staff in uniform will then escort him to the Assembly Chamber, where the Secretary of state will administer the outh. Governor Morton will accompany the Governor-select, and the latter's neugonal addresses which he delivered in the elec-loidical addresses which he delivered in the elec-

political addresses which he delivered in the elec-tion canvass.

Following the proceedings in the Assembly Chamber, Governor Black will hold a public recep-tion in the Executive Chamber for an hour, and he and Mrs. Black will probably follow the custom of receiving their friends at the Executive Mansion in the afternoon.

BURNED WITH THEIR GRANDCHILD. Ashtabula, Ohio, Dec. 19.-P. Aelo and his wife atives of Finland, living in Sheffield, were awak ened at 3 o'clock this morning by neighbors shout ing that their house was on fire. The man and his wife escaped in safety, but returned to secure a grandchild who was left behind. The floor gave way, and the three were precipitated into the cellar, where they were burned to death.

SENATOR WARREN IMPROVING.

Chleago, Dec. 19. Senntor Francis E. Warren, o Wyoming, who submitted to an operation for appen dicitis at the Auditorium Annex yesterday, is report deltis at the Androman Ameryacian, to be ed by Dr. Hammond, the attending physician, to be much improved to-day. Drs. Hammond and McAr-thur, who performed the operation, entertain great nones of the Senator's recovery, although they say by will be unable to leave his room for six weeks.

- INDIANA MINERS' STRIKE OVER. Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 19.-The bituminous miners' strike came to an end this morning. men of the four big companies in Vigo, Parke and Vermillion countles have voted to accept a cents. It is expected that operators elsewhere who conceded 60 cents will ask for a reduction. The strike has been on since May 1.

THE PLORIDA LIMITED. THE FLORIDA LIMITED.

Between New-York and St. Augustine, season 1891, via Pennsylvania. Southern By, and F. C. & P., will be resumed Jan. 18th, leaving New-York daily, except Sunday, 12:10 noon, reaching Jacksonville following afternoon 3:39, St. Augustine 4:30. The finest train ever operated between New-York and Florida. Two other fast trains leaving 4:30 P. M. and 12:15 A. M. New-York offices, 271 and 253 Broadway.—(Advt. THE HUGH MCULLOCH LAUNCHED.

A FINE NEW REVENUE CUTTER FOR SERVICE IN

ALASKAN WATERS. Philadelphia, Dec. 19.-The United States revenue utter Hugh McCulloch, the queen of the revenue fleet, was successfully launched at Cramps' shipyard at 1:25 o'clock this afternoon. The vessel was named by Miss Madge Shoemaker, daughter of Captain C. F.

eral officials of the service were in attendance.

The Hugh McCulloch, which has heretofore been known simply as "No. 3," will be ready for service March 1, and will then be sent to the Pacific Coast by way of Cape Horn to relieve the revenue cutter Bear. Captain J. W. Congdon, of the Revenue Marine Service, who formerly commanded the cadet construction of the vessel, will be her commander. The new cutter has a composite steel frame and a bottom of Cregon pine, sheated with copper. she has a displacement of 1,280 tons. Her engines are she has a displacement of 1,290 tons. Her engines are of 2,000 horse-power, and she is expected to have a minimum speed of sixteen knots. She will be schooner-rigged, three masts, with square sail forward. Her sterapost is of manganese bronze, and is said to be the largest of fis king thus far east in this country. The stem is of the same material. Her armament will consist of four six-pounders and four one-pounder rapid-ine guns and a torped tube in her stern. She is the largest cutter in the Revenue Service.

vice.

The McCulloch will make long Alaskan and Arctio cruises, and will have ten officers and a crew of seventy-five men.

TRAIN SAVED BY A SMALL BOY.

HE SAW ITS PERIL AND FLAGGED IT WITH HIS HAT.

Chicago, Dec. 19.-The Danville limited express on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois road was saved a small boy from plunging into the Calumet River at Dolton, a suburb of the city, yesterday running at a high rate of speed It is known as No. 7, and leaves Chicago every afternoon at 1:15. Two minutes before its departure the Columbia st. station, carrying on an average 400 passengers. The poolroom train passed safely over the draw boy saw four feet of rail out of the track at a place just north of the draw. He saw the Danville ex-press coming and flagged it with his hat.

The engineer thought the boy was playing and at first thought he would not stop. Then, however, he set the air brake and came to a standstill a few feet from the gap in the track. Conductor Bellew thanked the boy, but forgot to get his name. The track was repaired and the express went on, few of the passengers knowing how near they had been to death.

WORK YET TO BE DONE ON THE CAPITOL.

IT COULD BE FINISHED NEXT YEAR FOR \$1,000,000.

Albany, Dec. 19 .- The new Capitol may be completed in the coming year if the Legislature will appropriate \$1,000,000 for the work. This will bring the total cost of the building up to \$21,653,511. It is thought that the Legislature will cut the amount needed and probably only appropriate about \$700,000. leaving the completion of the building for the year

The work of finishing the eastern approach and side terraces and the western staircases is being performed by day labor. The rest of the building vill be completed by contract, and the contractors are now employing hundreds of men. The last Legislature appropriated £40,000 for the contract work and \$30,000 for day labor. An additional appropriation of \$55,38 will be needed to complete the contract work, the contracts for which have already been awarded, and over \$200,000 additional will he necessary to complete the work being performed by day labor. The present appropriations will keep the men working by the day employed until about Echnicae 2

February 15.

The officials having in charge the construction work of the Capitol seem to think it would be wise to finish the Capitol before taking up the proposed plan of erecting a separate State Library and court building. They say that work is in progress which will give the State Library room for shelving 150 000 additional volumes, and that these additional facilities will meet the needs of the library for some years to come.

ROUGHLY TREATED BY MASKED ROBBERS.

PARMER AND HIS PAMILY.

est robbery that has ever occurred in Dutchess | are said to have been shaken down, Railroad, about twenty-six miles from this city, and es as they broke, and the ship would go until | which occurred less than a week ago. There is no Choctaw Reservation contains 6.63.00 arres of her following States in square leafly or 19.450 square miles. As compared with this territory, the area of the following States in square miles is given. Marsachusetts 8.25, New-Harmissing 7.850. Vermount, 9.265. New-Harmissing 7.850. Vermount, 9.265. New-Jersey, 7.85s. Radoe Island 1.250; Delaware, 2.650.
The land to be allotted among Choctaws by blood is 14.560 acres. Choctaw freedmen, 2.870 acres. Town sites and coat fields are to be deducted and sold under some special provision, probably leaving each beneficiary, man, woman or child, 250 acres. them, and they asked for a drink of water. After was drinking the water they went away, and the farmer and boiled the door. Fifteen minutes clapsed and there was a gentle rap at a side door. Suspecting no danger, Fulton opened the door and gazed into the barrels of two revolvers, held by two men, whom he recognized as his previous callers, but this time they were masked. Fulton, who is a muscular man for his age, clinched with one of the desperadoes and knocked the pistel out of his hand, but the robber's "pal" struck him a blow on the head with the handle of his revolver which knocked the farmer senseless. Then they tied him with ropes which they carried and laid him out on the kitchen

While this was going on the third burglar had broken into the front door and entered the diningroom, where the three women were in great alarm at the noise of the farmer's fight with the burglars in the kitchen. As the third ruffian entered the submitted to both Houses of the Legislature at | dining-room with a revolver in his hand the eldest noen on January 6. His private secretary, Mrv | Miss Fulton threw the lighted lamp which stood on the dining-room table at his head. The robber dodged the lamp and it crashed into fragments The document will be an unusually brief against the door. One of the other men brought in another lamp from the kitchen and assisted his companions in tying the two sisters to chairs. The women begged the ourglars not to the their mother, who is an invalid and who was powerless to move who is an invalid and who was powerliers to move from her chair. One of the men replied, "We won't tie her, but she might holler, so we'll put her to sleep," and he proceeded to chloroform the old woman. They then ransacked the house, and found a gold watch, \$20 in money, an overcoat and a woman's sacque. They also spread food on the kitchen table and then feasted as though they were famished.

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After they had gone Fulton succeeded in freeling himself and then united the other occupants of the house. He drove to the nearest telegraph office and telegraphed a description of the men to the police in the control of the men to the con

JUDGMENT AGAINST EX-SENATOR HIGGINS Wilmington, Del., Dec. 19.-Ex-United States Senator Anthony Higgins yesterday confessed judgment in favor of Willard Saulsbury, of this for \$9,000. No execution was issued. judgment is said to have been due to the financial difficulties of the Golden Sceptre Mining Company, of Quigley, Mont., of which the ex-Senator is a of Quigley, Mont., of which the ex-Senator is a director. A number of Delaware people invested in the mining company, and failure to realize also resulted in the assignment on Thursday of Quigley & Mullen, wholesale grocers here. Judgments aggregating \$80,000 have been filed against the firm. Winfield S. Quigley, a member of the grocery firm, was chosen as general manager of the mining company, and the location of the mine was named in his honor.

GOOD CITY GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE. Philadelphia, Dec. 19.-Clinton Rogers Woodruff. secretary of the National Municipal League, announces that the next National conference good city government will be held at Louisville, Ky., on May 5, 6 and 7. The conference will be under the auspices of the National Municipal League.

A WATERTOWN OFFICIAL'S SHORTAGE. Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 19.-An expert examination of the books of City Chamberlain Charles R. Murray has disclosed a shortage of \$660. Mr. Murray has disclosed a shortage of \$660. Mr. Murray has resigned, and his place has been filled temporarily by the appointment of Frank H. Walls. Chamberlain Murray had hen re-elected for a term of one year, to begin on January I.

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COURCEL'S RETIREMENT - THE HAMBURG STRIKERS WEAKENING - CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE POOR-AT COUNTRY HOUSES-

London, Dec. 19 .- The production of "Richard III" at the Lyceum Theatre to-night is one of the greatest triumphs of Sir Henry Irving's career there. It was a wonderful series of stage pictures. rich in color and varied in movement, and there was a powerful cast for interpreting aright all of exceptional brilliancy and refinement, representing all that is best in English letters and social life, was held spellbound by the concentrated intellectual power of one man. The stage was crowded with costumed figures, but he filled it with his presence and genius. Sir Henry received a royal welcome when he entered upon the stage, and was recalled after each act by the enthusiasm of his host of admirers and by the common consent of those most competent to

Gloster is his greatest Shakespearian personation. He is not Colley Cibber's heavy villain and unnatural monster, but a man of genius and intellectual pride, acting in defiance treachery to the summit of his earthly ambition, audacious and imperious to the end, even when delirious with remorse and doomed to defeat. The strongest characteristic of this Gloster is the disclosure of self-will, courage and pride, like Becket's, combined with intellectual subtlety and duplicity, like Iago's or Iachimo's. The best qualities of his stage work are rapidity, vigor, action and grim, cynical humor. He does not brood over his crimes and the phantom harrowing conflict with retributive justice. He acts his part with impetuous fire, inflexible pride, splendid daring; yet, melodramatic monster as he is, he is not without heart and moral instinct. The best passages in this performance of Gloster are the flery courtship of Lady Anne, the mocking duplicity of the scene with the Mayor, the subtle temptation of Buckingham, the unconscious betrayal of remorse when tion of Hastings, and the awful awakening from the phantom-haunted dream, Seldom has an audience been more deeply moved than tonight's breathless multitude was stirred by Sir Henry Irving's powerful denotement of supernatural horror after the terrible dream scene; his face, like Edwin Booth's, was one never to be forgotten.

The entire performance was illumined with intellectual purpose, adorned with masterly touches and invigorated with unique personality. Sir Henry was received like a conqueror when the curtain fell on the last act. No stage triumph since Garrick and Kean has been more

With six inches of snow on Dartmoor, dense fogs in the Channel, London blanketed with darkness day after day and an earthquake in the Severn Valley and the Midlands, there has been a good deal of weather this week. This has been fortunate, for, foreign affairs and domestic politics being absolutely stagnant, there has not been much else to talk about. The Queen is reported to have been awakened by the tremor of the earth at Windsor, but the fact is not mentioned in "The Court Circular" and may be an invention of the new journalism. The northern suburbs of London barely came within range of the seismic disturbance, but a woman in the Midlands is reported to have died either from fright or heart Poughkeepste, N. Y., Dec. 19 (Special),-The bold- disease, and three church turrets at Hereford

The most serious consequence of this physical graph" of a recondite treatise on the subject by Professor John Milne, who has been watching for an earthquake for a long time and has kept two delicate seismometers in operation on of the neglected underworld. These instruments feebly showed the effects of the readjustment of strata of the Severn Valley. amplitude of the movement did not exceed onefiftieth of an inch in two hours, his conclusion is that a low stratum of rock filled up a slight cavity, and that the changes produced by this earthquake were geologically small. Professor Milne, who has been a seismic expert in the Far East, describes the Severn Valley as the most unstable portion of England, and as the natural haunt of the genuine British earthquake. It is a curious fact that at the great Greenwich Observatory there are no seismoscopes for re-

cording phenomena of this kind. Otherwise a great calm has come upon England, which a year ago was a storm-tossed island, agitated by President Cleveland's Venezuela message, the German Emperor's menace and the war in South Africa. No cloud as large as a man's hand can be seen in any quarter of the sky and issues of domestic politics are quiet and harmless, like the rectification of Irish finances and the appointment of a Sugar Commission. Even in the Near East the prospect for the settlement of the Turkish question has been clearing. What form of coercion will be adopted may not yet be definitely known, but there are signs of co-operation between England and the Dual Alliance, and optimists are encouraged to believe that something will be insure his good behavior.

The retirement of the French Ambassador. Baron de Courcel, from London is explained as caused by personal reasons rather than by discouragement over the relations between France and England, M. Ribot, the Count de Montello, the Marquis de Reverseaux and M. Cambon, now Governor-General of Algeria, are named as candidates for the succession. The Egyptian question, which alone clouds the relations of the two countries, is in reality a European question; and the prospect of its settlement will not be affected by any transfer in the French diplomatic service.

The working world is quieting down with the approach of the Christmas season of good feeling. The Hamburg lockout has not ended, but the strikers are weakening and are not expected to hold out much longer. The English leaders of the Dockers' Union are believed to favor an aggressive labor movement on the Thames, but their action will be controlled by the rank and file, who are disposed to let well enough alone. Lord Salisbury has been giving cogent reasons for not interfering with the right of the German and Belgian authorities to expel English agitators from foreign territory when they are organizing labor revolts on international lines; he has neglected to discuss the question whether German or French Socialists employed in similar work on English soll ought also to be arrested and expelled.

signs of activity, and even Mr. Hooley is unable to cause a ripple of excitement by any new scheme or syndicate. No change is expected until dividends are released in January and there is more money available for investment Japan is gradually reducing its gold deposits in the Bank of England, and Germany is also